Golden Quadrilateral National Highway Project

* 52. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the "Golden Quadrilateral National Highway" project with present status of on-going projects;

(b) the details of highway projects connecting Srinagar to Kanyakumari and Silchar to Porbander and the time by when these would be completed;

(c) the details of projects passing through Orissa, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Punjab; and

(d) whether Government have proposed certain incentives for timely completion or penalty for late completion? if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI): (a) The Golden Quadrilateral (GQ) of National Highway Development Project (NHDP) connects the metro cities of Delhi and Mumbai through National Highway No. 8, Mumbai-Chennai through National Highway Nos. 4, 7 and 46, Chennai-Kolkata through National Highway Nos. 5, 6 and 60 and Kolkata-Delhi through National Highway No. 2. The total length of GQ is 5846 kms. Out of this, 1159 kms. of length has already been 4-laned. The 4-laning is at various stages of progress in the aggregate length of 4551 km. The contracts for the 4-laning work is to be awarded in an aggregate length of 136 kms.

(b) The Highways connecting Srinagar to Kanyakumari is North-South Corridor of NHDP. Its length is around 4000 kms. and connects Pathankot, Delhi, Agra, Jhansi, Nagpur, Hyderabad, Bangalore and Madurai through National Highway Nos. 1A, 1, 2, 3, 75, 26 and 7. The Highway connecting Silchar to Porbandar is East-West Corridor of NHDP. Its length is around 3300 kms. and connects Guwahati, Islampur, Muzaffarpur, Gorakhpur, Lucknow, Jhansi, Udaipur and Rajkot through National Highway Nos. 54, 36, 37, 31, 31C, 57, 28, 25, 76, 14, 15, 8A and 8B.

(c) The portion of GQ passing through the State of Orissa is 444 km. in length. 296 k.ms. of North-South Corridor passes through Punjab. North-South Corridor in the State of Jammu & Kashmir has 405 k.ms. of length. 14 k.ms. of North-South Corridor passes through the State of Himachal Pradesh.

(d) Yes, Sir. Bonus and penalty clauses have been included in the contracts to ensure completion of the projects well in time. For bonus an amount equivalent to 1 % of contract value per month of early completion becomes payable to contractor subject to a maximum of 6%. For delay in completion, an amount equivalent to 1/2000th of the contract value becomes recoverable from contractors for each day of delay, *{i.e.* about 1.5% per month) subject to a maximum of 10% of contract value.

Rural industries in Himachal Pradesh

†* 53. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rural industries set-up in the villages of Himachal Pradesh by Khadi Gramodyog Commission and the number of person working therein;

(b) what is the number of registered rural industries/institutions;

(c) the present status of these industries and the separate number of profit and loss making industries therein; and

(d) whether any scheme exists to help loss making industries and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA): (a) The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) does not set up units of its own. However, as oh 31.03.2002, in the State of Himachal Pradesh, 1068 projects have been financed by the KVIC under the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) which resulted in the generation of 19021 employment opportunities.

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